

### REMARKS

By way of the foregoing amendments, Claims 1-17 have been amended to delete multiple dependencies, and remove the "characterized in that" language and the reference numerals. Also, Claim 1 has been amended to include minor changes intended solely to better set forth the claimed subject matter in terms of a method. Also, the alternative language used in some of the dependent claims has been deleted and set forth in new claims added by way of this Amendment. No new matter has been introduced by these changes and the changes are not intended to narrow the claim scope.

It is requested that the application be examined on the basis of the claims as amended.

Early and favorable consideration with respect to this application is respectfully requested.

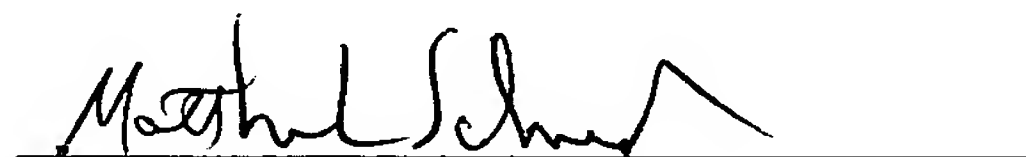
Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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